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We went off this morning at the same hour as yesterday, this time to the de Fels' chateau of Voisin just beyond Rambouillet. This was built around the turn of the century by André de Fels' father after 18th Century plans by Gabriel. It is a huge house with many beautiful things amongst its contents. As at Robert's, we had what was called breakfast at ten o'clock. It consisted of five courses with appropriate wines, whereupon all took to the fields. There were 31 beaters who covered a great deal of ground. We killed 202 partridges. For much of the day I was in butts between Monsieur Planchon and Count Gouvian de St. Cyr. They are said to be the finest bird shots in France and I can well believe it. Planchon especially is remarkable. I saw him miss only one partridge during the day and his skill is a wonder to behold. Roger Guirche, a large textile manufacturer, was there. He had asked me to shoot this summer at a moor he had taken in Scotland and I wish I could have done it. He is an extremely nice fellow as well as an able one. He and de Fels are returning tonight to Scotland to finish off the season and expect to get another 1,500 grouse in addition to the 2,000 already killed.

The French with whom I have shot are admirable companions and extremely courteous.

We had dinner at six o'clock at the chateau and got back late to Paris since the roads were crowded with automobilists bringing their families home for the opening of children's classes tomorrow.

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